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IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to improve the tracks of Central Railways between Mumbai and Surat Railway line;

(b) the reasons for increase in train accidents;

(c) the recent train accident occurred at Dahanu near Mumbai Central Railway took place; and

(d) the precautions Government propose to take for the prevention of such train accident in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir. It is, however, mentioned that Mumbai-Surat is under Western Railway.

(b) There is no increase in the number of accidents, on this section, as compared to previous year.

(c) 117 Dn Passenger train derailed on 31.1.03 between Palghar and Boisar stations near Dahanu.Commissioner of Railway Safety, Western Circle, Mumbai, is enquiring into the accident.

(d) The prima-facie cause of derailment of the train was rail fracture on a girder bridge where a flaw was detected in the rail during Ultra Sonic Flaw Detection (USFD) examination.

To prevent such accidents, Railway launched a drive to remove all such rails from bridges if any, and to educate field staff, both USFD examiner and Permanent Way supervisors specially in regard to action to be taken for eliminating defective rails from bridges.